Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Program Schedule and Milestones:

Development of New Nationwide Program Alternative

May 2002-May 2012; possible extension to December 2012: Duration of existing nationwide programmatic agreement.

2007: Survey to NRCS State Conservationists on the effectiveness of the existing nationwide programmatic agreement.

June 2009- July 2011: NRCS consults informally with Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), intertribal organizations (including the United South and Eastern tribes and the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (NATHPO)), and other federal agencies.

May 2010: Survey to State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs) on the operation of the existing nationwide programmatic agreement.

July 2010: Survey to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations on the operation of the existing nationwide programmatic agreement.

Summer 2010: ACHP Case Digest article announcing NRCS' intent to revise or replace the existing nationwide programmatic agreement.
(http://www.achp.gov/docs/CaseDigestAug2010.pdf)

July 2011: ACHP letter to NRCS recognizing intent to pursue a prototype agreement.

November-December 2011: NRCS formally initiates consultation with letters to NCSHPO, SHPOs, Indian tribes, THPOs, Native Hawaiian organizations, intertribal organizations (including NATHPO and the National Congress of American Indians), and other preservation partners (including the National Trust for Historic Preservation).

December 2011: New ACHP/NRCS web page launched on the ACHP's website.
(http://www.achp.gov/nrcs.html)

December 2011- February 2012: Teleconferences with Indian tribes, THPOs, and Native Hawaiian organizations.

December 2011- February 2012: Teleconferences with NCSHPO and SHPOs.

February 2012- ongoing: Consultation and public outreach.